

Primary teacher held over beating student

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police arrested a female schoolteacher at her Khoksha village residence in Puthia upazila of Rajshahi on Sunday night for beating up a schoolgirl a week ago, allegedly for having a grudge against her.

Nurjahan Akhter, the teacher of Mollapara Government Primary School, confessed to beating her up, said Puthia Police Station Sub-inspector Rois Uddin.

Jannatul Akhter Juthi, 9, a class IV student of the school, has been undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital since Sunday afternoon.

On August 22, Juthi and one of her classmates quarrelled during tiffin hours and Nurjahan scolded Juthi, prompting her to argue with the teacher, according to the statement of a case filed by her father Jahurul Patwary.

At one stage, Nurjahan took her to the common room and beat her up with a stick after closing its door and windows, it said.

She did not spare her even after the stick was broken, he said, adding that the girl was hit with a duster in the waist several times, alleged Jahurul.

While beating, Nurjahan threatened her to put her in a sack and dump in water if she screamed, he said.

The teacher, also neighbour of Jahurul, asked Juthi to look after her four-year-old child at the school, said Jahurul.

Nurjahan beat her up out of anger as she could not do so always, he alleged.

The following day, the teacher and her family members stopped him from taking her to any hospital and bought her some medicines, he said.

But Jahurul took her to Puthia Upazila Health Complex on August 24 as her condition deteriorated.

On August 27, he had filed the case against Nurjahan with

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In a desperate attempt to go home for celebrating Eid-ul-Azha with their families, homebound passengers scramble to board a train at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital. The photo was taken around 2:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Step down

SCBA president asks govt; Rizvi slams ministers for remarks on CJ

Alleging that the government wants to destroy the judiciary, BNP leader and Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Advocate Zainul Abedin yesterday demanded that the government step down to pave the way for a national election.

"The present government wants to damage democracy, the judiciary and the country...Don't threaten the judges in this manner [through moving their income tax files]... step down from office..." he said, pointing to the Awami League-led government.

He made the comments while presiding over a meeting organised by Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF) at the south hall of the SCBA office.

The pro-BNP lawyers' body was protesting the "adverse" comments made by Law Commission Chairman and former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque, former Appellate Division

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Dhaleshwari to suffer Buriganga's fate

Experts fear as untreated tannery effluents continue to pollute it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaleshwari river may suffer the same fate as the Buriganga if untreated waste from Savar tanneries continues to be discharged in the former, said speakers at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

They made the apprehension at a discussion titled "Rapid Assessment of Hazaribagh Tanneries" organised by South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (Sanem) at Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh's conference room in Banani.

The Dhaleshwari now faces a seri-

ous pollution threat as the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Savar Tannery Industrial Estate is not being operated properly although the majority of the tanneries, relocated from Hazaribagh, have started discharging a large volume of effluent there, the speakers said.

CETPs are used for treating toxic waste spewed out by factories such as tanneries.

Presenting a keynote speech at the discussion, Dr Bazlul Khondker, chairman of Sanem, said quoting data collected between December 7, 2016 and April 9, 2017 by the Department of

Environment (DoE), that all the effluent samples from the Savar tanneries analysed by the DoE have exceeded all safety parameters -- which is quite alarming.

Till the month of August this year, only 50 percent of electricity connections have been established for the CETP and it cannot operate to its full capacity until the remainder of its power is established, he said, adding that the installation of salt and solid waste treatment equipment at the CETP is still incomplete.

Although each factory at Savar is

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Why Qureishi PDP chairman, MA Hossain its secy gen?

HC questions legality of EC's decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of the Election Commission's decision to allow Ferdous Ahmed Qureishi and MA Hossain to run the Progressive Democratic Party as its chairman and secretary general respectively.

The court issued a rule asking the respondents to explain in four weeks why the commission's decision should not be declared illegal.

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ELECTORAL TALKS WITH EC Two parties want polls under 'non-partisan govt'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Muslim League (BML) and Khelafat Majlis want dissolution of the parliament before the general elections and formation of a "non-partisan election-time government".

Components of the BNP-led 20-party alliance, suggestions made by the two parties during their talks with the Election Commission (EC) yesterday were almost similar.

Both parties also demanded deployment of army with magistracy power during the elections and withdrawal of political cases before the elections.

The two parties yesterday held talks with the EC at the EC Secretariat as part of the commission's move to hold discussions with the country's political parties regarding possible electoral reforms ahead of the next parliamentary polls.

The commission, however, said it would accommodate the most common suggestions made by most political parties.

Emerging from the meeting, Julfikar Bulbul Chowdhury, general secretary of BML, told journalists that his party

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Provide shelter, security to Rohingyas

Khaleda urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon the government to provide shelter and security to the Rohingyas who are being forced to flee fresh escalation of violence in Rakhine State of Myanmar.

"I am urging the government and its authorities concerned to provide shelter and security to the Rohingyas who have intruded into Bangladesh for the sake of their lives," Khaleda made the call in a press statement.

The former prime minister also called upon the government to take diplomatic initiatives to send

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A heron poacher shows his catch while selling the birds at Haripur Bazar in Jaintapur upazila of Sylhet yesterday. Catching, selling and consuming birds are illegal under the wildlife preservation act. But the illegal trade is rampant at the market.

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DU students getting smart ID cards

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday started distributing smart identity cards among its students for the first time.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Arefin Siddique inaugurated the process of giving smart ID cards to the students at a programme at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university.

The process began with handing over smart ID cards to some students of 2015-16.

In his speech, DU VC Arefin Siddique said, "This initiative would help the university turn into a digital university in the country."

"Students urged not to give the smart ID card to another one for security reasons adding that if the ID card is lost a student must inform the university authorities and file a GD with the nearest police station," he added.

As some of the students were given smart ID, so rest of the students of session 2015-16 will collect their smart ID card from his or her respective department and hall office.

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